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**REMARKS BY**

**U.S. AMBASSADOR TO BANGLADESH DAN MOZENA**

**INTENSIVE ENGLISH LANGUAGE TRAIN THE TRAINER PROGRAM  
MADRASSA TEACHERS' GRADUATION CEREMONY**

**LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY CENTER  
RAJSHAHI,  
FEBRUARY 28, 2012**

**RAJSHAHI, FEBRUARY 28 --** U.S. Ambassador to Bangladesh Dan Mozena made the following remarks at the graduation ceremony for madrasa teachers at the Language Proficiency Center, Rajshahi today.

(Begin text):

Mr. Javed Hyder Kareem, Director, Language Proficiency Center

Mr. Imroj Mohammad Shoeb, Coordinator, Language Proficiency Center

Honored guests

And, most especially, teachers ... teachers of English...

I congratulate you on successfully completing this intensive English Language Teaching Course,

And I congratulate you on your vital role in building this nation.

For, indeed, you are building the next generation ...

You are helping to build the New Bangladesh, the Golden Bangladesh, the Bangladesh of ten or fifteen years from now that could be a middle income country.

You are helping to build a Bangladesh of prosperity, good health, stability, opportunity and optimism.

This Bangladesh is no dream. I fervently believe that this Bangladesh could become a reality in my own lifetime.

Of course, a key variable in this equation of a Golden Bangladesh is the nation's ability to tap the global marketplace for markets, goods, services and, most especially, information, ideas and expertise.

And this is where you come in ... in a huge way.

English is the language of the global marketplace. It is the key that unlocks the world of commerce and ideas. And it is this key, this gift, that you will be giving to each of your fortunate students.

This gift is priceless ... thanks to you and your commitment to teaching the English language, your students now can better discover the world. The world of the future. The world that belongs to them. What greater gift could you give?!

As your students unlock the world, they not only enrich themselves, they enrich Bangladesh; they make it possible for Bangladesh to engage ever more deeply in the global marketplace of ideas and commerce.

I believe that you and your fellow teachers of English across this nation play a key role in building the New Bangladesh, the Golden Bangladesh, the Bangladesh of our dreams. I hope you are proud of your critical role in this enterprise.

I know that I am proud that my government is working to support you in honing your English language teachers skills. By next month more than 1,200 teachers will have completed this intensive training.

My wife Grace, a teacher herself, and I and the members of my staff are all so pleased to be here today to share your success in completing this course.

Before we leave, we would like to leave a gift for the Language Proficiency Center. This laptop is a gift from ANKUR International, a group of Bangladeshi-Americans who live in the State of Oregon, the same state where my Portland Police Bureau colleagues are from. I know it will add to your ability to continue providing excellent training to madrassa teachers here in Rajshahi.

And to the teachers, I applaud you as you work to improve even further your skills in building the Golden Bangladesh. Your students are most lucky and your nation is indeed blessed by your service.

Thank you.

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**GR/ 2012**